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September 15, 2010

I am pleased to release the **2010 Tribal Relations Report**. This Report articulates the historic effort of the State and Tribes working together to build economic self-sufficiency on all the reservations in Montana.

Never in the history of the State of Montana has more been done to encourage, promote and solidify government-to-government relations between the State and the Tribal Nations.

As the national economy raises itself from a recession, the Schweitzer Administration will continue to tighten our belts to ensure we live within our means. Montana is one of only two states in the country with money in the bank.

During this time, it is especially important to acknowledge the valuable resources and expertise we have in those who serve on our boards, councils and commissions. Their contributions expand our abilities to reach all of Montana. I am happy to highlight just a few of these appointees who share in their own words their experience in serving the entire State of Montana.

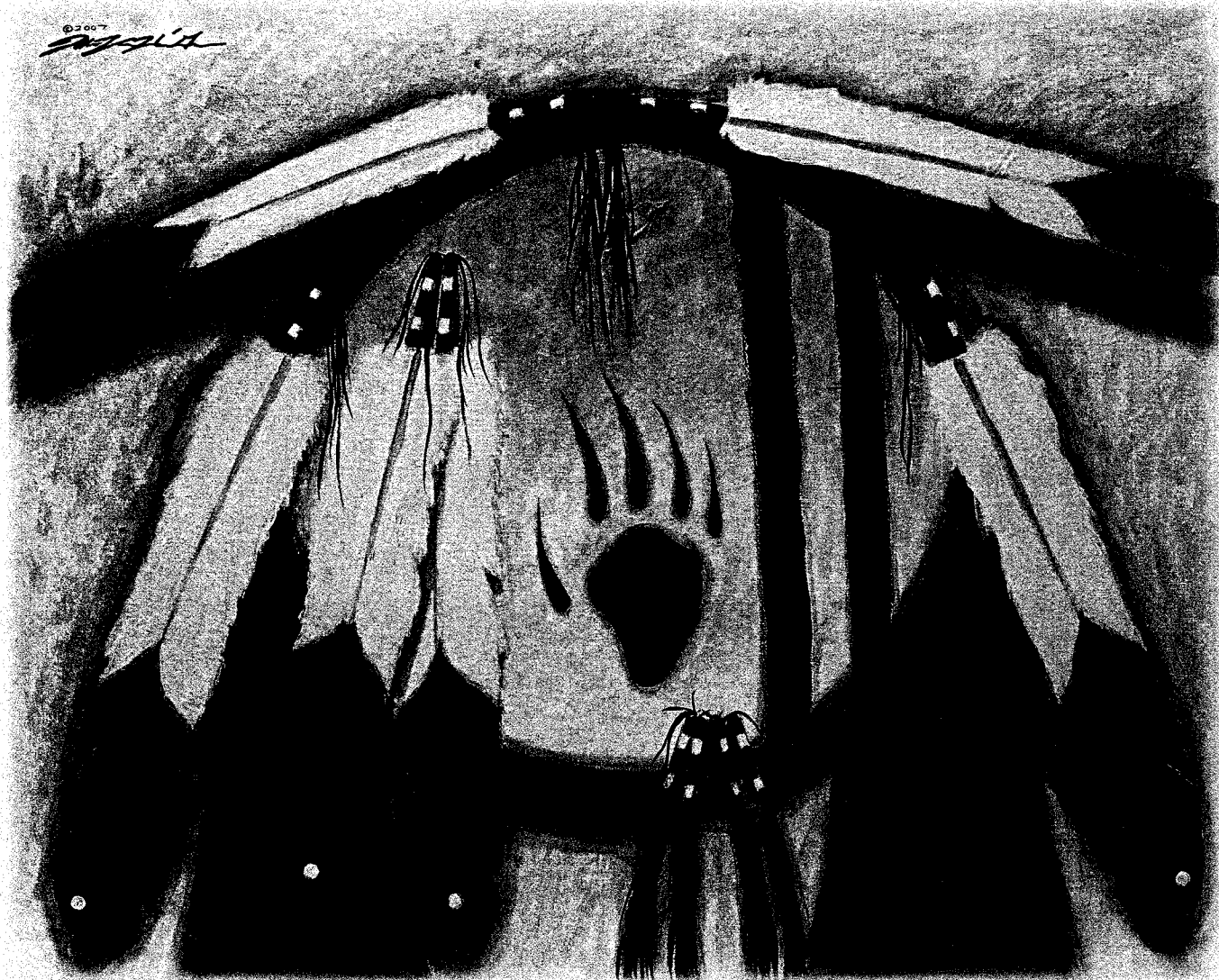
Although only a small portion of the enormous array of state-tribal work can be described in any detail in this Report, I hope that all who read it embrace the energy, commitment and innovation represented by the people and programs featured herein.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Schweitzer", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tribal Relations Report is produced annually in fulfillment of MCA 2-15-143 to highlight the State of Montana's major activities and interactions with the eight American Indian sovereign governments in Montana. The report is due by September 15 of each year to provide an overview of the major accomplishments that occurred during the course of the previous State fiscal year.

This year's report is organized into four main sections: (1) Strengthening the State-Tribal Relationship; (2) State Agreements Impacting Tribal Governments; (3) State Programs Impacting Tribal Populations; and (4) Appendix "A."

Part I, "Strengthening the State-Tribal Relationship," describes State initiatives to improve consultation and communication between Tribal governments and the State of Montana. These efforts include cultural awareness training for state employees, ensuring Indian people are represented on state boards, and improving efforts to communicate appropriately with Tribal governments. This section focus on the impressive Indian appointees, including a complete listing of the 119 American Indian appointees serving on state boards, councils, and commissions as of June 30, 2010.

Part II, "Activities Impacting Tribal Governments," highlights innovative programs as well as agreements, negotiations and collaborative efforts between Tribal governments and the State. These activities fall into several core areas ranging from economic development, environmental stewardship, human services, finance and justice. A more complete listing of over 650 state-tribal agreements is part of in Appendix "A".

Part III, "Activities Impacting Tribal Populations," describes State programs provided for Indian people generally, whether they live on or off the reservation, as well as cultural and educational programs implemented throughout the State. Examples included in this section are the Healthy Montana Kids Program outreach efforts by the Department of Public Health & Human Services and the Burial Preservation Board, which is administered by the Department of Administration and the Montana Historical Society.

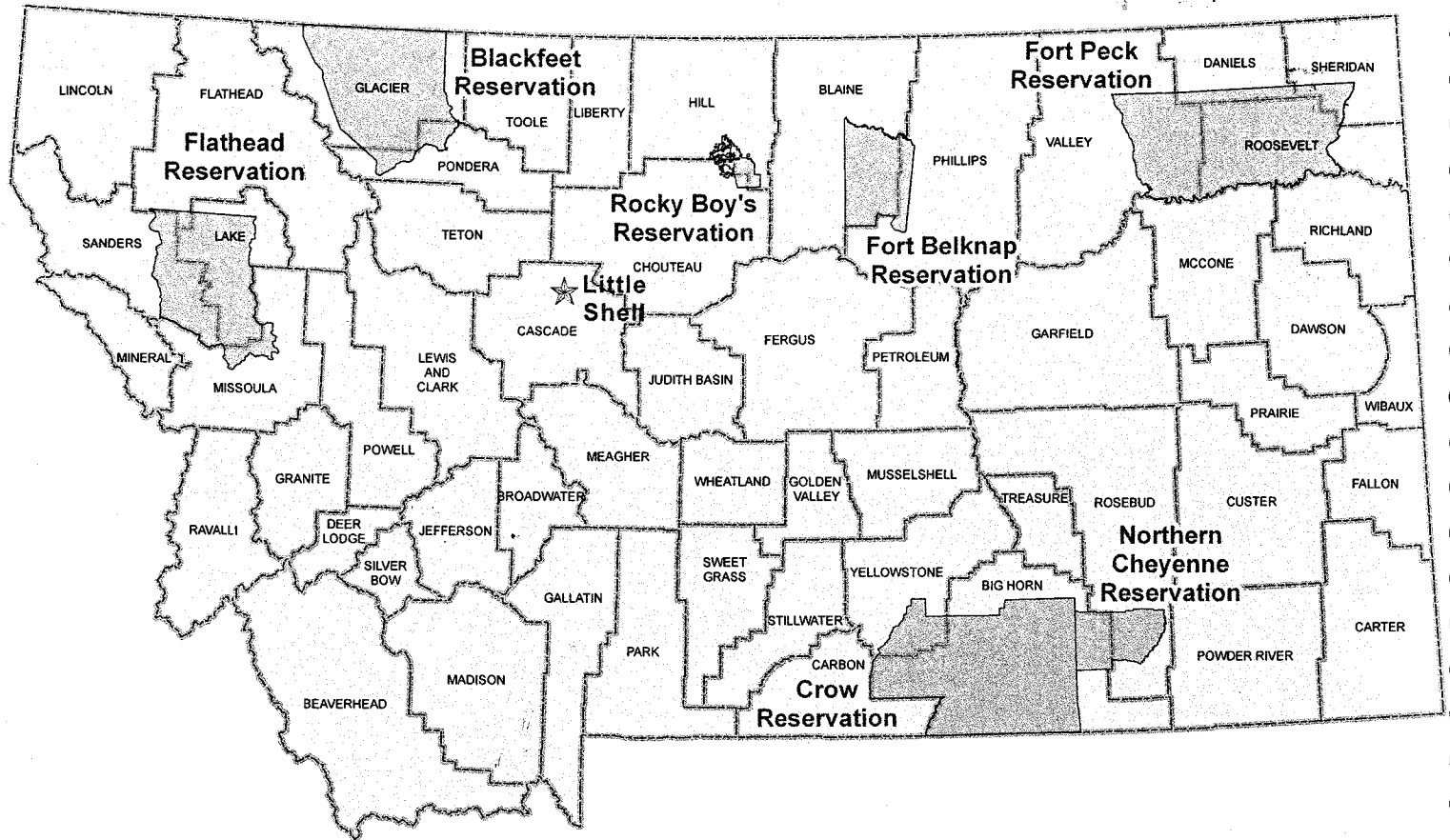
Appendix "A" is a comprehensive summary of over 650 agreements, negotiations, and collaborative efforts with tribal governments that were in effect during the course of fiscal year 2010. This summary is generated from the State-Tribal Activities Database. In the last year, many state agencies have worked to include the database users' responsibilities in the employee job profile to ensure continuity and accountability in the long-term.

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INDIAN TRIBES OF MONTANA



BLACKFEET RESERVATION

Home of the Blackfeet Nation headquartered in Browning, Montana

FLATHEAD RESERVATION

Home of the Confederated Salish, Pend d'Oreille & Kootenai Tribes headquartered in Pablo, Montana

FORT PECK RESERVATION

Home of the Assiniboiné & Sioux Tribes headquartered in Poplar, Montana

NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

Home of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe headquartered in Lame Deer, Montana

CROW RESERVATION

Home of the Crow Nation headquartered in Crow Agency, Montana

FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION

Home of the Gros Ventre & Assiniboiné Tribes headquartered in Fort Belknap Agency, Montana

LITTLE SHELL TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIAN OF MONTANA

State recognized

ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION

Home of the Chippewa Cree Tribe headquartered in Rocky Boy Agency, Montana

STRENGTHENING THE STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONSHIP



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Governor Brian Schweitzer receives a Pendleton Blanket from Blackfeet Chief Earl Old Person

During the past six years, Governor Brian Schweitzer has placed high emphasis on the state-tribal relationship. Never in the history of the State of Montana has more been done to encourage, promote, and solidify government-to-government relations. Through trust, mutual respect, and cultural understanding, the State and the Tribes are working together to build long lasting partnerships.

The diverse tribes in the State of Montana possess tremendous cultural heritage. Embracing cultural diversity, Governor Schweitzer, as Western Governors Association chairman, included traditional ceremonies while hosting the annual meeting in Whitefish in June 2010. The Mission Valley Veterans Honor Guard from St. Ignatius opened the ceremony by presenting the colors. Students from

the Nkwusm Salish Immersion School of the Flathead Reservation sang an honor song to the rhythm of the drum. Recognizing the importance of Indian gift giving, each Governor and Canadian Premier was presented with a Pendleton blanket by Governor Schweitzer and Chief Earl Old Person of the Blackfeet Nation. In the same spirit, the Schweitzer Administration envisions change at all levels of government to create a long lasting foundation through leadership, training and strong state-tribal relations.

FEATURE SECTION: INDIAN APPOINTMENTS TO MONTANA BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Governor's appointment of 119 American Indian appointees to boards, councils and commissions is evidence of his commitment to ensure state government reflects all Montana. The participation of American Indians in state government provides the opportunity to share the tribal perspective and knowledge in their field of expertise. The Schweitzer Administration considers this a high priority.

This year, we are pleased to honor American Indian appointees serving on state government boards, councils and commissions. These individuals share their passion and perspective regarding



Governor Brian Schweitzer and the Burial Preservation Board on the steps of the Montana State Capitol

their experience as board members and highlight the importance of their contribution to the State and Indian Country. While all boards, councils and commissions are of equal importance, the following section focuses on 17 Indian appointees who come from various backgrounds. Last year, we featured high level American Indian government officials serving the state through their vision, leadership and dedication.



Audrey Black Eagle

Audrey Black Eagle, Apsáalooke (Crow)

Montana Board of Housing provides decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for lower income individuals and families in the State of Montana.

"He is a Governor who is well respected by the Crow people and a Governor who has created a bridge between the State of Montana and Indian Country. It was an honor to have been selected by Governor Schweitzer to serve on a board as prestigious as the Montana Board of Housing. It means a great deal to the Crow Nation and me to have representation and the opportunity to fulfill my passion."

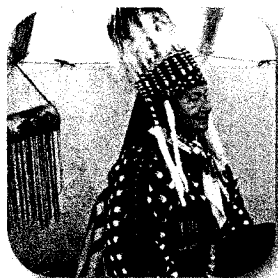
Corwin (Corky) Clairmont, Salish & Kootenai

Montana Arts Council serves to develop the creative potential of all Montanans, advance education, spur economic vibrancy and revitalize communities through involvement in the arts.

"As a tribal member from the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, it affords me the opportunity to represent my tribe and possibly provide an Indian perspective that is not always present in State organizations, although with Governor Schweitzer's leadership, this has greatly improved."



Corwin (Corky) Clairmont



Betty N. Cooper

Betty N. Cooper, Blackfeet

Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors conducts reviews of Montana's public mental health programs and the Montana Developmental Center and assists individuals receiving services from these programs.

"I am honored to be appointed by Governor Schweitzer and to serve to promote the mental health of all Montana communities. I especially support the inclusion of Native American leaders of Montana in the Schweitzer Administration, state government operations and most notably the creation of the cabinet position of State Director of Indian Affairs."

Gisele Forrest, Fort Peck Assiniboine

Board of Public Education exists to promote high academic achievement for all Montana students.

"I want to engage myself in civic responsibility areas. I believe I was appointed to the board because of my dedication to people in general. I knew as a Native American woman working/living in an urban area I constantly walk in two worlds. Finding balance between the two is sometimes difficult. In Indian Country we play many roles and have many personalities. We are doctors, lawyers, screen writers, entrepreneurs, comedians, teachers, students, moms, daughters, and the list could go on and on. For Indian Country I hope I can honor their voices, I hope I can be honorable to be a good listener, to hear my people."



Gisele Forrest



Joe Fox Jr.

Joe Fox Jr., Northern Cheyenne

State-Tribal Economic Development Commission works to expand economic development opportunities for Indian Tribes.

"I am very interested in the economic well-being of our tribe and the Tribal Nations of Montana. An awareness of the state's economic picture is more clear. I understand the process and how it affects the tribes of our state and benefits our Tribal Nations to assist in economic development."



George Paul Horse Capture Sr.

George Paul Horse Capture Sr., A'aninin Gros Ventre

Montana Historical Society Board of Trustees provides overall direction and management for the Historical Society and provides technical assistance and encouragement to all community museum, archives and preservation efforts.

"To me it [being appointed] means that the Governor is incorporating experienced professionals into the Montana system to utilize their expertise."

S. Kevin Howlett, Salish & Kootenai

Transportation Commission supports the Department of Transportation mission to provide a transportation system and services that emphasize quality, safety, cost effectiveness, economic vitality and sensitivity to the environment.

"I am appreciative of the opportunity to represent a tribal perspective at this level. I believe my experience in Tribal government and ability to see complimentary roles from multiple agencies has helped Indian Country. I bring a personal knowledge and commitment to full Tribal participation in state programs."



S. Kevin Howlett



Jessie James Hawley

Jessie James-Hawley, Gros Ventre White Clay

Aging Advisory Council advises on aging and long-term care issues and enhances the quality of life for senior citizens in Montanans.

"I am very honored to have been appointed by Governor Schweitzer to be part of his efforts to improved relations between Native people and State government and programs. He puts his money and his efforts where his mouth is ... we trust him. I just wish Governor Schweitzer was able to continue serving for he does inspire Native people."

Barbara "Malia" Kipp-Camel, Blackfeet

Montana High School Association assures that the membership is provided with leadership and support in advancing equitable MHSA interscholastic activities for the growth and educational experience for students.

"My passion would be to represent and/or advocate for all schools, sports and sexes that rules be fair and just in order to maintain the integrity of Montana High School sports."



Barbara "Malia" Kipp-Camel



Rick Kirn

Rick Kirn, Assiniboine Sioux

Montana Board of Crime Control pro-actively contributes to safety, crime prevention and victim assistance with planning, policy development, and coordination of the justice system in partnership with citizen, government, and communities.

Reserved Water Rights Compact Commission negotiates settlements with federal agencies and Indian tribes claiming federal reserved water rights within the State of Montana.

"My passion is to assist in the relationships between Tribes and government entities. It is a great honor to be called to duty by your government. I have met with Governor Schweitzer and have the highest respect for his position and responsibilities. I believe that he has done more for Montana including the enhancement of the government-to-government relationship between the Tribes and the State than any other Governor in the state's history."